Hixburg Dispatch

Hixburg, Sept. 10.- Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sears, of Goochland, spent Sunday in the home of his parents.

Mrs. H. M. Marshall and son called to see Mrs. Wilson Hix and children Friday. Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Hopping called by the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sears Hix and family, of Thomasville, N.C., spent several days last week at his old home here. They called to see Miss Janie Marshall ad Mrs. E. W. Gilliam Saturday morning.

Mrs. J. D. Ford's mother, Mrs. Zimmerman, is spending some time with her.

Mrs. H. J. Covington visited her sister, in Lynchburg last week.

Mrs. J. T. Hix and daughters has returned from a several weeks' visit with relatives in Alexandria and Richmond.

Mrs. Lizzie Ford spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Sears.

Mrs. E. W. Gilliam called by the home of J. B. Wilson one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hix and family visited A. R. Harwood and family at Appomattox Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Joel Coleman and son, Malcolm, spent Friday evening in the home of Ed McPhillips.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hix and Miss Mag Hix visited J. B. Hix and family at Prospect Saturday afternoon.

Misd Lavalette Sears several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sears.

Mrs. Annie Laurie Moseley, of Salem, visited her mother, Mrs. Pearl Marshall, last week.

Mrs. H. C. Wheeler was a business visitor at Pamplin on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Wheeler is not so well at this writing.

Friends are delighted to know that Miss Lucy Rice is back at her home in Pamplin for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Mrs. C. B. Carson and son were in town Saturday P. M.

Mrs. J. T. Hix, and daughters, called in the homes of J. B. Wilson and E. P. Sears Sunday afternoon.

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In the home of Mrs. D. R. Ilgenfritz Saturday night. A large number attended.

Mrs. L. K. Almond went to see the doctor last Wednesday.

Mrs. James Taylor is sick with a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Martin and daughter, Rose, of Lynchburg spent Sunday in the home of O. H. Ransom. Quite a number of young people called in the afternoon to see Rosa, who will leave for Radford College September 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Carter had some of their relatives from Roanoke to visit them recently.

Miss Irene Garlinghouse, of Lynchburg spent last Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Garlinghouse.

The Rocks S. S. members will get on their picnic Saturday, Sept. 14, to Tonawanda Lake.

All members are asked to meet at the church at 4 P.M.

Oakville News

Oakville, Sept. 11.- Rev. C. A. Collins, of Evergreen, preached to a large crowd Sunday afternoon at Red Oak church.

Veteran Charlie Coleman, who has been sick, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Owen, of Concord, called to see Mrs. T. E. Owen Saturday night. Rev. Collins called in the afternoon.

Barbara Smith has returned home after an extended visit with relatives in Richmond.

Many from around here attended the revival meeting at the Herman Methodist church.

Mrs. Irene Rogers and son spent Sunday with her father, Charlie Coleman.

Dicky Smith spent Sunday with "Buster" Cumby, who accompanied Dicky home and spent the night.

Mrs. Tom Page spent Friday night and Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Lawson Lucado.

Miss Vivian Clarke has returned after visiting relatives at Nelson, Va., Clarksville, South Hill, Virginia, Va. and Roxboro, N. C.

Mrs. Ellen Furbush, of Spout Spring, and Mrs. Laura Dickerson of Roanoke, are visiting their neice, Mrs. O. W. Martin, this week.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Moore, Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Martin and son, A. M. Goodman, Mrs. Charles Coleman, Mrs. Mittie Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coleman, of Spout Spring.

Mrs. Ellen Moore and Mrs. Graydon Martin and children visited in the home of Clarke and Louis Moore Sunday.

Mrs. Ossie Moore spent several days recently with Mrs. T. E. Owen.

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Rocks Letter

Rocks, Sept. 11.- Farmers have started to cut their corn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gow, and friends, of Battle Creek, Michigan, who spent Labor Day with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Roach, left for their home Tuesday morning.

Cassie Baldwin and Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse attended the W. M. U. executive board meeting at Liberty church Monday morning.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson went with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson to Amherst last Sunday P. M.

A. B. Y. P. U. social was held

Farm Topics

BETTER STOCK IS CROSS BRED

Purebred Animals Are Not Best Producers.

By L. M. WINTERS
(Professor of Animal Husbandry, University Farm, St. Paul.)

Most of our older ideas on animal breeding and improvement are due for considerable revision in the light of fundamental present-day knowledge.

The "purebred philosophy" which reached its peak about 1920 must now give way to new and more scientifically accurate methods of making live stock more efficient and profitable. The old idea that a purebred animal is better because it is purebred will not stand the acid test of breeding studies now in progress at research institutions. Equally incorrect is the belief that our present breeds of farm animals possess all of the good characters they need or that it is possible to give them.

In the past years we have relied on type and body conformation as measuring sticks for profitable farm animals. We know now that speed and thrift of gains, size of litters, pounds of wool and lamb per ewe as well as pounds of butterfat produced are far more accurate tests of real efficiency.

The excellent progress made so far in the improvement of live stock with purebred sires should by no means be ridiculed. However, this is only one step in the improvement process. The old ideas that purebred animals are always best and that appearance is a good indicator of performance must now yield to such developments as crossbred swine and completely new breeds developed from crosses of present breeds. Experiments at Minnesota clearly show that crossbred hogs are more efficient producers of pork than purebreds. Likewise the Maine Experiment station has proved that there is very little relation between the so-called type standards and production of dairy cattle. Beef cattle similar in type often differ greatly in their ability to make efficient gains.

Future live stock breeding work will be directed at increasing efficiency rather than improving appearance of farm animals. Proved sires, cow and sow testing, inbreeding, crossbreeding and artificial insemination are valuable tools that will be used widely in the future to develop more profitable live stock.

Fly-Trap for Live Stock Aids Pestered Animals

Farm animals soon learn to make frequent use of a device for brushing off and trapping horn flies that are such a pest to live stock in summer. It is a cagelike structure that fly-pestered animals pass through, leaving their tormentors behind in traps to be destroyed.

The framework of the cage is a structure 7 feet wide, 6 feet high, and 10 feet long with a fly-tight roof. Canvas flaps hang from the ceiling and brush off flies on the backs and side of animals walking through. Other canvas flaps on frames attached to the floor brush the legs and bellies. Simple wire fly traps are arranged at the sides of the passage to catch the flies brushed off by the canvas flaps.

The device is usually set up at some strategic spot through which the animals must pass several times a day—in a lane to the pasture, in the entry to a dairy barn, or on the way to the water tank or pond. Live stock soon learn to make for the "brusher-offer" when flies torment them.

Roughage Fed Cow Affects Milk Color

Recent studies have shown that the type of roughage fed to dairy cows greatly affects the amount of yellow color in milk.

Green pasture grasses and legumes head the list of feeds which produce high color. Closely following pasture on the list is grass and legume silage of good quality. Good field cured hay, when new, and corn silage are only fair, while hay of poor quality and beet pulp produce milk which is very low in color.

The yellow color of milk is due to a pigment called carotene. When carotene is taken into the body, it is converted into vitamin A. An increase in the yellow color of the milk of a cow means, therefore, an increase in vitamin A potency.

Hoe and Honk

Geese are saving a lot of Arkansas cotton from ruin by gobbling weeds 16 hours a day. Farmers in a western Mississippi county today keep flocks of from 75 to 100 geese busy in cotton patches from sunup to sunset. Pestiferous Johnson grass is especially relished by these birds, which eat steadily up and down the rows in both wet and dry weather. Some of the farmers sell their geese after the cotton season, while others keep them the year round.

Levant Excellent Pianist

Oscar Levant, known to millions of radio fans as one of the famous four on the "Information, Please" program, is an excellent pianist, and a celebrated wit. He wrote a book, "A Smattering of Ignorance," that has a background of music against which he has etched in a fascinating manner some of the life and many of the impressions and opinions of himself.

Tantalized Tantalus

Tantalus was the name of a mythological king. Because of crimes he committed he was punished by being plunged up to his chin in a river of Hades. Whenever he tried to drink the water receded, and whenever he tried to eat the fruit nearby it was just out of reach. From Tantalus we get the word "tantalize."

Agricultural News

Cows will drink as many as 25 times a day.

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Horses will stand the heat better if they have free access to common salt.

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Soybean oil meal made by the expeller process contains 4 to 5.5 per cent of oil, meal made by the solvent process had about 1 per cent of oil, and meal made by the hydraulic process retains from 5.5 to 6 per cent of oil.

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Steers fed on ground ear corn tend to bloat less on legume pasture than animals getting shelled corn.

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When making large piles of hay bales, scatter some loose hay or straw over each layer or row, to bind them together to prevent slippage or overturning.

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Green ash seeds may be prepared for germination in the spring by storing them over winter in a box of moist sand which is kept in a root cellar or other cool place.

Good Pasture for Hogs Will Reduce Pork Costs

Good pasture for hogs is one way of really cutting pork production costs, suggests A. L. Anderson, animal husbandry specialist at Iowa State college.

Anderson points to the results of 18 swine feeding demonstrations conducted on Iowa farms by Iowa State college in which pasture was used. Eight of these pastures were poor to fair in quality, largely of bluegrass. Ten of the pastures were good, consisting of alfalfa, red clover, and rape.

The same rations were used on all pastures. The pigs on poor pastures fed corn and minerals made an average gain of .76 pound, while on good pastures the daily gain was 1.36 pounds, or two-thirds more.

Good pasture is one of the best sources of easily digested protein. Rich in lime and phosphorus, the legumes provide minerals which are easily assimilated by young pigs.

Animals Dumb?

Crater Lake, National park officials thought they had something new when three park bears refused to hibernate for the winter, along with a hundred or so of their fellows. Were they ignoring the habit of bears since time began, the officials pz dered?

But the animals' sleek appearance pointed to a solution of the riddle. With their fellows out of the way, these three had the park garbage dump to themselves, and they were making the most of it.

Three Million Seedling Orders

Orders for more than 3,000,000 forest tree seedlings will be handled through the extension forester's office at State college this year, R. W. Graeber, head of the office, said. He announced that applications for 1,054,000 trees already have been received from farm agents in the 15 western North Carolina counties in the TVA area.

The Tennessee Valley authority gives seedlings to farmers within the watershed, who agree to set them out as erosion control projects.

Artistry Can Be Employed Also at the Dinner Table

America's housewives can now be real artists even without palettes.

That's the contention of Mrs. Lucille Fisher, well-known New York floral artist, who advocates artistry at the dining table as a means whereby every woman can express her individuality and charm to her home and gain a reputation for graciousness.

"A woman's ingenuity," Mrs. Fisher says, "can be expressed in no other place so successfully as in her table arrangement, whether that table is for a family gathering or for guests."

Suggested by Mrs. Fisher for a gay table are short-stemmed flowers of almost any variety in very low containers at either side of a soft green polished plate glass plaque, to simulate flowers bordering a stiff pool.

Another arrangement which can be duplicated by any hostess, utilizes two glass apples, holding pink roses and set on a mirrored glass plaque at one end of the table, while on the opposite end, the roses are placed in a glass log on a mirrored plaque. The attractive arrangement at either end eliminates the annoyance to guests caused by a center arrangement of flowers.

Baffles American Tourists

The thing that always baffles American cruise passengers passing through the Panama canal is to see the sun rise from the Pacific at Panama City and set in the Atlantic at Colon. The reason is that the canal runs from the northwest at Colon to the southeast at Panama City and although Panama City is on the Pacific, it is east of Colon, which is on the Atlantic. Officers of the Grace Line ships have the most difficult time explaining this and, when a passenger asks whether the ship is proceeding east or west and the steward correctly replies that she is moving either north or south, an argument is certain to ensue.

Stonewall News Letter

Stonewall, Sept. 11.- Mr. and Mrs. Dowitt Evans and children, of Sherwill, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis.

Miss Irene Cardwell, of Brookneal spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell.

Miss Maude Burnette, who teaches at Natural Bridge, spent Sunday at her home here.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Simmons, of Hillsville, visited friends here this week.

Miss Nellie Turnes left Sunday for Gladys, where she will teach this session.

Miss Doris Caldwell, of Naruna, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Drinkard, and children, spent last Sunday with relatives at Franklin.

Mrs. Eunice Perdieu spent the week-end with relatives in Lynchburg.

Miss Faye Stratton left this week for R. M. W. C., Lynchburg, where she will resume her studies.

Mrs. Carsie Brown, of Lynchburg visited her sister, Mrs. E. C. Jennings, here this week.

Royall Harding, of Lynchburg, visited relatives here this week-end.

Miss Byrd Vaughan, of Burkeville spent a few days with Miss Louise Turnes last week.

She left Sunday for Brookneal, where she will teach this session.

The Y. W. A.'s of the Hebron Baptist church met with Miss Kate Davidson Tuesday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Davidson, of Blackburg, spent the week-end with her father, J. O. Davidson.

Miss Agnes Jennings has returned to Richmond, where she will teach this session.

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